



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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Friday, December 13, 2013

2:30 PM

AUDIO AND VIDEO LINKS FOR ENTIRE MEETING. (13-5916)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)
 [VIDEO](#)

Present: Chair David Sanders, Vice Chair Leslie Gilbert-Lurie,
 Commissioner Hon. Terry B. Friedman (ret.) (present from 3:11
 p.m. to 3:25 p.m.), Commissioner Richard Martinez,
 Commissioner Andrea L. Rich and Commissioner Janet Teague

Absent: Vice Chair Hon. Dickran M. Tevrizian (ret.), Commissioner
 Gabriella Holt, Commissioner Marilyn L. Flynn and Commissioner
 Dan Scott

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order. (13-5749)

The meeting was not officially called to order until 3:11 p.m. due to the lack of a quorum. However, in consideration of the scheduled presenters and the public in attendance, the Commission proceeded to hear the presentations.

Action was not taken on any agenda item until a quorum was achieved.

2. Approval of the December 6, 2013 regular meeting minutes. (13-5750)

On motion of Chair Sanders, seconded by Vice Chair Gilbert-Lurie, and unanimously carried, this item was continued to the next meeting.

Ayes: 6 - Chair David Sanders, Vice Chair Leslie Gilbert-Lurie, Commissioner Hon. Terry B. Friedman (ret.), Commissioner Richard Martinez, Commissioner Andrea L. Rich and Commissioner Janet Teague

Absent: 4 - Vice Chair Hon. Dickran M. Tevrizian (ret.), Commissioner Gabriella Holt, Commissioner Marilyn L. Flynn and Commissioner Dan Scott

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. PRESENTATIONS

3. Presentations were heard from 2:30 p.m. to 3:11 p.m. and 3:26 p.m. to 4:48 p.m.

Presentation by (times listed are approximate and may vary):

- 2:30 p.m. - Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health - Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W., Director
- 3:00 p.m. - First 5 LA - Kim Belshé, Executive Director
- 3:30 p.m. - Representatives from the Los Angeles County Commission for Children and Families, including Commissioner Patricia Curry, Commission Chair Gene Berger, and Commissioner Helen Kleinberg. (13-5751)

Director Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W., DMH, addressed the Commission. Dr. Southard identified five factors that may influence child abuse and the three levels of intervention used as focal points. Dr. Southard also identified a future model for moving forward that DMH believes is the most appropriate to be utilized for dealing with child abuse issues. Dr. Southard also referenced opportunities presented by the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, effective January 1, 2014, that may impact DMH. Dr. Southard responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Kim Belshé, Executive Director, First 5 LA, presented an overview of First 5 LA, including their goals, accomplishments and initiatives for 2014. Ms. Belshé referenced the importance of preventative measures and the understanding that preventing child abuse and neglect is a collaborative effort between all child welfare agencies. Ms. Belshé identified four fundamental elements to building strong children and programs offered by First 5 LA. Ms. Belshé responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Patricia Curry and Helen Kleinberg of Commission for Children and Families (CCF), presented an overview of CCF submitted recommendations for the Commission to consider. Ms. Curry referenced possible alternatives to integrating services in the County and responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Ms. Curry emphasized the need for all Departments to be involved and focused on preventative measures for children at risk. Ms. Kleinberg, responded to questions posed by the Commission and expressed the need for outreach programs to inform communities of available resources. Ms. Kleinberg also referenced programs that required the collaboration of multiple agencies and have concluded in positive results.

Members of the public, Teresija Sigmund, Helen Lynn and Patrick O'Rourke addressed the Commission.

III. DISCUSSIONS

- 4. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding December 2013 Interim Recommendation. (13-5632)**

Chair Sanders provided a brief background on the Interim Recommendations and emphasized that the Interim Recommendations are the foundation of the Interim Report and include immediate steps that the County can take to improve child safety. The final Interim Report will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors by the end of December 2013.

Members of the public, Helen Lynn, Lori Martin and Patrick O'Rourke addressed the Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Rich, seconded by Vice Chair Gilbert-Lurie, and unanimously carried, the Commission took the following action:

- 1. Adopted the recommendations as developed for the Interim Report;**
- 2. Delegated to the Executive Committee, the writing, background and other portions of the Interim Report with input consistent with the Brown Act; and**
- 3. Instructed the Executive Committee to submit the Interim Report directly to the Board of Supervisors.**

Ayes: 6 - Chair David Sanders, Vice Chair Leslie Gilbert-Lurie, Commissioner Hon. Terry B. Friedman (ret.), Commissioner Richard Martinez, Commissioner Andrea L. Rich and Commissioner Janet Teague

Absent: 4 - Vice Chair Hon. Dickran M. Tevrizian (ret.),
Commissioner Gabriella Holt, Commissioner Marilyn
L. Flynn and Commissioner Dan Scott

5. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Commission meeting schedule.
(13-5638)

**On motion of Vice Chair Gilbert-Lurie, seconded by Commissioner Rich,
and unanimously carried, the next meeting was scheduled for Monday,
January 13, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.**

Ayes: 6 - Chair David Sanders, Vice Chair Leslie Gilbert-Lurie,
Commissioner Hon. Terry B. Friedman (ret.),
Commissioner Richard Martinez, Commissioner
Andrea L. Rich and Commissioner Janet Teague

Absent: 4 - Vice Chair Hon. Dickran M. Tevrizian (ret.),
Commissioner Gabriella Holt, Commissioner Marilyn
L. Flynn and Commissioner Dan Scott

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

6. Items not posted to the agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-5752)

There were no items presented.

7. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.
(13-5753)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

8. Adjournment. (13-5754)

**On motion of Vice Chair Gilbert-Lurie, seconded by Commissioner Rich, the
Commission adjourned the official meeting at 3:25 p.m., due to the loss of a
quorum of members.**

Presentations concluded at 4:48 p.m.